



ARCS News

Alamo Radio Control Society www.alamoradocontrol society.com



June 2008

ARCS Officers Oct 2007–Sep 2008

President

Bill Ponseigo
(210) 645-6882
bponseigo@earthlink.net

Vice President

Buck Murray
(830) 510-4225
bmurray@airmail.net

Secretary

James (Jim) Keck
(210) 340-5613
jekeck@swbell.net

Treasurer

Frank Patterson
110 Threadneedle
San Antonio, TX 78227
(210) 674-3258
frankpatterson@stic.net

Senior Advisor

Harold Cannon
(210) 673-0416

Webmaster

John Graham
Webmaster@
alamoradocontrol society.com

Newsletter Editor

Rick Zondlo
(210) 845-3750 (Cell)
ARCSEditor@satx.rr.com

CLUB MEETINGS

Held the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December)
From 7:00 to 9:00 PM at
Cha Cha's Restaurant
2026 Babcock, San Antonio
Phone 615-8905 or 615-7000

Printed by :

Allegra Print & Imaging
338 Breesport
San Antonio, TX 78216
Petra McCann
(210) 340-1841



The job is DONE! We have a paved runway!!!

Monday, June 23rd, 2008: I arrived at the field around 9:30 AM. The crew had been there for a while; piles of asphalt were being spread. At around 3:30 PM the crew put the final touches on the runway. It is HUGE, approximately 400 ft by 40 ft. The "left over" asphalt was spread on the parking area. Except for some cosmetic work such as painting the runway markings, signage and maybe some safety nets, We're DONE! Along with the new field comes some minor changes in the way we do some things. Please pay attention to the highlighted notes on the following pages.



Digital subscribers: Many more photos and articles starting on page 4. Paper copy recipients can see the entire edition on our website (URL in the masthead above) in the "Newsletters" section.

ARCS CY 2008 Club Schedule

Jul 15 Meeting, 20 Fun Fly
Aug 19 Meeting, 24 Fun Fly
Sep 16 Meeting, 21 Fun Fly

Oct 21 Meeting, 26 Fun Fly
Nov 18 Meeting, 23 Fun Fly
Dec (TBD) - Christmas Party

CLUB FLYING SITE is located just West of Macdona at 10024 Shepherd Road. (Lat 29.22.07 Long -98.45.55) See the map and driving directions on the last page of this newsletter. Fun Flies are held on the Sunday following the monthly club meeting. Guests are welcome. AMA required to fly. Frequency control via numbered pin system.

May Meeting Minutes by Jim Keck, ARCS Secretary

June 17, 2008 –Vice President Buck Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the May 2008 meeting as published in the newsletter. Motion approved. Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Update

We are flying from the asphalt base for the runway. Please be careful. There are some places that are not smooth and have a few loose rocks.

Buck Murray explained the delays in paving the runway. Here's the short version: The price of asphalt has risen rapidly due to the worldwide oil price increase. When we started this project, we had enough money, now the club is short about \$5000. We can get this money by having 50 members voluntarily pay the next two (2) years dues and field assessments in advance (\$170). We need a commitment to get the field paved soon.

A motion was made as follows: Send out an e-mail to the membership explaining financial situation and the commitment we need to pay dues in advance so that we can get the runway paved. Money needs to be sent to Frank Patterson. With a favorable response, Buck will set pavement plans for June 30th.

The motion was approved unanimously by the membership present. Twenty members present made the commitment to pay their dues in advance.

In addition, all club officers have waived the free dues and fees provisions in the By Laws and have either paid or made a commitment to pay dues for the next two years. Please step up and do your part to finish the runway!
SMOOTH ASPHALT IS BEAUTIFUL!!

We have a great owner and landlord! Please thank Joe Rohmer when you see him. He just put in a Potable water line to the shelter. He also cut the grass. He is committed to a long-term project here. Remember, if you bring something to the field, you must take it away. We do not have trash pick up. Clean up after yourselves. If you see Joe, introduce yourself and talk. He wants to learn to fly and is flying a simulator. He wants us there! We need to be good stewards of the land.

Reminder!! The grass has been left long between the runway and the pit area to provide some protection to the pits and pilots. Please stand behind the long grass barrier to fly.

Think Safety! Harold Saults forgot to use the tie down ropes and got his leg bitten by the prop. Harold is OK, but with 9 stitches and a sore leg. Be careful.

Web Site Update: John Graham is the new Web Master for the club. He has updated most of the web site and is working on the database to access all the pictures etc. If you need to post an update, contact Rick Zondlo or John.

The Fun Fly is Sunday, June 22, 2008 (10am-2pm) at the new field on Sheppard Road. Be there! We will have some contest type events at noon run by Harold Saults and JD Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

Fuel prices are on the increase. Seems the only nitro methane producer is in China and is shutting down production for the Olympic Games. Make sure you have enough to fly. Fuel will be there, but at a higher price.

NEW MEMBERS: Jonathan Rivers and Brandon Kafford

CRASH OF THE MONTH

Jim Caton had trouble finding Harold Cannon, so he thought he could fly his electric trainer easily (he has had a lot of simulator time). Jim took off without a problem, the turns became difficult, first left then right and left and down. The nose was knocked off the plane and can be repaired.

The winner is Jim Caton! Only crash this month.

SHOW AND TELL

John Renker showed us his electric powered Fly Eagle R/C foam Eagle airplane. It looks like a real eagle in flight. The hawks in South Texas should like this.



JD Smith showed off his 1-8 Bearcat by Thunder Tiger. The plane looks great, but had a lot of lousy hardware. It should fly like a rocket with the 120 in the nose (this is a 90 size airplane).

Jim Agnew showed off his small field box that he modified with a power panel on one side and quick charger on the other. Looks great and is easy to get to the airplane.

RAFFLE RESULTS

A special thanks goes out to Jim Rice of Second Chance Hobbies for providing the raffle prizes to the club at a reduced price.

Harold Saults – Gallon of Fuel
Don Nolan – 4 Star 40 ARF and Screwdriver Set
Don Shackelford – Electric Fuel Pump
Frank Patterson – Zona Saw
Wes Standlee – 5-Minute Epoxy
Jonathan Rivers – 15-Minute Epoxy
Benjamin Garrett – Top Flite Smart Stripe

MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 pm.

June Fun-Fly

Great weather, some fun competitions, and accompanying friends and family...who could ask for more?



Left: JD times Bill for Climb-n-Glide. Right: Harold competes in the egg-toss.



Below: Sometimes bad stuff just happens!



Above: Bill Ponseigo helps Jim prepare for flight as Jim's kids & grandkids look on.



Hmmm, I think I've seen these two somewhere at least once before!

June Fun-Fly Competition Results

We had two competitions: A climb-n-glide and an egg toss. Both were quite fun as you needed no prior experience to compete. Of course, a little experience (and the right airplane) would have helped some. Great fun anyway. 1st place winners get five free raffle tickets at the July meeting (must be present to receive tickets!).

Climb-n-Glide:

- 1st—Harold Saults
- 2nd—Colin Gipp
- 3rd—Josh Young

Egg Toss:

- 1st—J. D. Smith
- 2nd—Colin Gipp
- 3rd—Bill Ponseigo

New Field Operations and Rule Changes

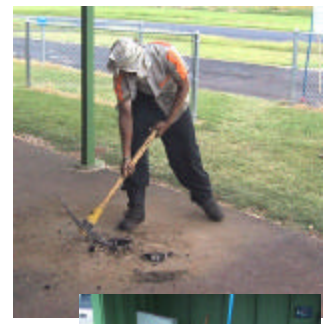
The following operating procedures are effective immediately. Although temporary (at the moment) they will be discussed and voted upon if appropriate, at the July meeting. If you have a comment on any of the below, I suggest that you attend the meeting! Sort of like "Speak now or forever hold your peace"

1. Fueling operations (putting fuel into your aircraft) is discouraged within in the pavilion. De-fueling (I.e., removing the fuel from your aircraft during cleanup) is OK.
2. **Use of an overflow tank/bottle/pan is highly encouraged. If you do not have one, at least use one of the auto style mats to catch the excess fuel.**
3. **Everyone should do their best to guard against excessive fuel spills.**
4. **Any fuel spills on the tables/ground in the pavilion should be cleaned up ASAP.**
5. **Gasoline spills on the asphalt should be first sopped up with rag or towels then washed off as well as possible. There is a hose next to the pavilion on the S/E side!**
6. **During periods of heavy use "foamie", close-in "3D" and close-in heli flying should be over the portion of the agricultural area to the North and West side of the runway. The object is **NOT to discourage such styles of flying** but to simply call attention to the potential dangers of what some consider rather unsportsmanlike conduct. Flying close to other pilots while they are flying pattern (usually at some distance) is not only annoying, it can be downright dangerous!**
7. Our landlord has placed a trash barrel at the field mainly because he likes us and because he knows that some people are basically lazy and inconsiderate and will discard their trash anywhere. **The old club rule of "take home with you everything that you brought with you" still stands.** And if you happen to crash out in a field, please do your best to recover ALL of the pieces. Our landlord harvests the hay and other crops...he can't rightly sell it with your airplane parts embedded in it.
8. Not a new rule, just common courtesy that is continually violated by some: The tables in the pavilion are intended for setup, repairs, and cleanup operations. The test stands are meant for engine and other tests. We all have to share them. Do your thing in a timely manner then vacate the space so someone else can use it.

WHY THE BIG DEAL ABOUT FUEL SPILLS? I sent you this via email but here it is again, in pictures:



Right the damaged area. Black oatmeal mush almost completely through to the ground.



The repair process: Cut out the damaged area with a power saw. Use a pick to remove all damaged material down to the bare earth. Fill the hole with fresh asphalt, compact and smooth.

Did we get the wrong stuff? **NO!** The contractor explained to me that it may take six months for the asphalt to FULLY settle and cure and as much as a YEAR for enough dirt/dust to blow onto it and fill all of the little crevices and pack in. It will get better over time.



Runway Paving Operation

The saga of the new field began with Phil and Bill (or was it Bill and Phil?) locating the field. Don't recall who negotiated the lease, but they did. Buck with the help of others did the planning, staked out the field and got the ball rolling. The Scouts, JROTC students, some of their parents, and many club members dedicated a whole lot of their time, expertise and hard labor to get the pavilion built. Through the whole project, Buck dedicated a considerable amount of time, effort, "connections" (read: wheelin'-and-a-dealin') as well as some of his own personal money and other assets. All (or at least most) of these efforts have been chronicled in past newsletters. However, in spite of Buck's (and many others) superhuman efforts, the final push, paving of the runway, could not possibly have been accomplished without the unselfish monetary support of a core group of our members. Now it is time to give a special "*Thank You*" to them.

CLUB OFFICERS DONATING TWO YEARS DUES:

(Note: These folks are normally dues exempt)

Bill Ponseigo

Buck Murray

Jim Keck

Frank Patterson

Rick Zondlo

John Graham

Dennis Gurtner

Mike Guthompson

John Hare

David Lee Jones

Brandon Kofford

Eddy Latigo

Ken Lew

Rich Low

Dewey Newbold

Jim Rice

Harold Saults

JD Smith

Salvador Sordo

Gene Trevino

CLUB MEMBERS WHO PAID TWO YEARS ADVANCE:

George D. Berry

Don Bottoms

Harold Cannon

Hernando Castano

Jim Caton

Curtis Clipperton

Phil Everman

Colin Gipp

Frank Gross

CLUB MEMBERS WHO PAID ONE YEAR ADVANCE:

John Jones

Jim Noblett

William Rice

I watched a pilot being born today — An editorial by yours truly, *El Supremo*

Friday afternoon, 27 June. I'm at the field trying out the new runway. Happen to run into Jonathan Rivers, a new member and wanna-be R/C pilot. He has his brand new LT-40 with him. I volunteer to help him check it out. Hmmm, methinks "this is very good for a first effort." Everything straight, centered, neat installation, perfectly balanced, etc. Better job than I've seen done by a lot of our more experienced club members. I enlist the help of Bill Ponsiego to tune the engine. Bill quickly gets it purring. Trouble, I can't get the throttle trim to work properly and no one is familiar with that particular (new Futaba 9Ch 2.4) radio. Jonathan sez he'll check on it tonight and we'll maybe try again tomorrow.

Saturday morning, 28 June. I get to the field and, though the weather is a bit better than yesterday, we still have a bit of a strong crosswind along with some gusts. Jonathan is there with his bird. Throttle problem fixed. Ready to go. Bill asks Jonathan if he's ready to go. Yep! Bill takes it off, does the trimming chore. Bill knows that Jonathan has been practicing on the G4 simulator so he hands the transmitter to Jonathan. Mind you, no "umbilical cord" (I.e., buddy-box), just hands him the transmitter. Hmmnnn, Jonathan flies some respectable patterns, figure eights, climbs, descents and turns. Wow....maybe we got a winner here. Bill lands. After a little nerve settling rest, Bill asks if he's ready to go again. Sweaty palms and all, Jonathan goes for it. Bill takes it off, Jonathan does a very, very respectable job at pattern work. Makes a few passes/attempts at landing. If it hadn't been for the crosswind and last gust that blew him off-line, it would have been a very good landing. As it was, just a turned nosewheel after a landing in the grass.

After fixing the nose wheel and another "nerves rest" they do it again. Jonathan takes off, flies 10-15 minutes of pattern work (ovals, squares, eights, etc.), practices approaches, **AND LANDS SUCCESSFULLY. On both his and his aircraft's third flight! All in the span of a couple of hours.**

Congratulations Jonathan! And Bill, exceptionally well done as an Instructor pilot! It did this old heart of mine good just to witness the events.

What did Jon do right? He sought and got good advice and paid attention to it. He selected the best possible airframe/engine/radio combination that will take him well into the future. He "read the book" and did an excellent build. He got on the simulator and practiced-practiced-practiced! He paid attention and WANTED it. Welcome to the world of aviation!

Here's how the runway was paved!



It took some mighty big trucks...
some smaller machines...
and lots of back breaking sweat.



The last section being put down.....



J. D. and Buck watch the final section being blended into the surface. What a moment!

Right: "Leftover" asphalt being smoothed over the parking area.

Such a deal...



How About a Little Humor Break?

O.K., you've been good little boys and girls for having read this far, so here are some humorizms for you!

Pilot: "Have you ever flown in a small plane before?"

Passenger: "No, I have not."

Pilot: "Well, here is some chewing gum. It will help to keep your ears popping."

Pilot (after the plane landed): "Did the gum help?"

Passenger: "Yep. It worked fine. The only trouble is I can't get the gum out of my ears."

Smile

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into *my own pants*.

Marriage changes passion.
Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for President and over fifty for Miss America?

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Why is it that our children can't read a Bible in school, but they can in prison?

Why do I have to swear on the Bible in court when the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?

And remember: life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

Handle every stressful situation like a dog. *Piss on it and walk away.*

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility...

Q: 'Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer -- who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes sir.'

Q: 'Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called.

A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you pass the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and you experience the scent of fresh mown hay.

In the meat department there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks with onions.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread & cookies.

I don't buy toilet paper there any more.



Specializing in New & Pre-Flown RC Aircraft
Just three blocks North of the Randolph AFB Main Gate
118 E. Wright Blvd. Universal City, Texas
Phone: 210-945-8221 - Fax: 210-945-4811

HobbyTown USA
World's Largest Hobby Store Franchisee!

CLARK & KATHY BAISON
OWNERS

1201 Austin Highway, Suite 102 Phone (210) 829-8697
San Antonio, TX 78209 Fax (210) 829-8707

email: sanhobby@aol.com
www.hobbytown.com/txsa

More Stuff

Something a little bit different: All you warbird buffs can click (or paste) this link into your web browser for some REALLY great photos of the Chino, CA warbird museum:
<http://home.comcast.net:80/~bzee1b/Chino/Chino.html>
Believe me, it's worth the look-see.

Another little tidbit for you: **This NOT a joke.** Did you know that part of the Texas vehicle code states that "**no part of any design elements**" on your license plates may be covered (.by your license plate frame). Even if you just cover up the tip of the tail of the Shuttle, any police agency has the right to stop you (and you know what happens then!).

A grade school teacher in Kentucky asked her students to use the word 'fascinate' in a sentence. Little Johnny raised his hand. The teacher hesitated because she had been burned by Little Johnny before. She finally decided there was no way he could damage the word 'fascinate', so she called on him. Johnny said, 'My aunt Gina has a sweater with ten buttons, but her boobs are so big she can only fasten eight.'
The teacher sat down and cried.

QUESTIONS:
If you have sex with a prostitute against her will, is it considered rape or shoplifting?
How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?
Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the car-pool lane ?
If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

That's all for this month folks!
Comments, good or bad, For Sale and Wanted ads to me:
ARCSEditor@SATX.RR.COM



Jerry Dellinger
Shop: 340-0150
Cell: 364-9394

REBEL HOBBIES
6441 Blanco Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78216

Loop 410 Airport
Blanco San Pedro

EMAIL: rebelhobbies@satx.rr.com
WEBSITE: www.rebelhobbies.com

Remote Control Models & Accessories
Plastic Models & Supplies

Al's Hobbies
Now you have a choice

7121 Hwy. 90 West
Suite 150
San Antonio, TX 78227

Phone: 210-645-1050
Fax: 210-645-6460
alshobbies@usa.com
alshobbiesusa.com

ARCS Field
 Latitude: 29.19.26
 Longitude: -98.43.12
 10025 Shepherd Rd
 Macdonia, TX

Club Meetings
 (Third Tuesday each month)
 Cha-Cha's Restaurant
 2026 Babcock Road
 615-8906 or 615-7000

1 2nd Chance Hobbies
 118 E. Wright Blvd, Universal City
 (210) 945-8221
 www.2ndchancehobbies.com

2 Rebel Hobbies
 6441 Blanco Road, SA
 (210) 340-0150
 www.rebelhobbies.com

3 Al's Hobbies
 7121 U.S. 90 West, Suite 156
 (210) 645-1050
 www.alshobbiesusa.com

4 HobbyTown USA
 1201 Austin Hwy #102
 (210) 829-8697

HobbyTown USA
 World's Largest Hobby Store Franchise!

CLARK & KATHY BAIRDON
 OWNERS

1201 Austin Highway, Suite 102
 San Antonio, TX 78209
 Phone (210) 829-8697
 Fax (210) 829-8707

email: sanhobby@aol.com
 www.hobbytown.com/txsa

Jerry Dellinger
 Shop: 340-0150
 Cell: 364-9394

REBEL HOBBIES
 6441 Blanco Rd
 San Antonio, TX 78216
 EMAIL: rebelhobbies@satx.rr.com
 WEBSITE: www.rebelhobbies.com

Remote Control Models & Accessories
 Plastic Models & Supplies

Al's Hobbies
 Now you have a choice

7121 Hwy. 90 West
 Suite 156
 San Antonio, TX 78227

Phone: 210-645-1050
 Fax: 210-645-6490
 alshobbies@comcast.net
 alshobbiesusa.com

ARCS field is located at 10025 Shepherd Road in Macdonia. (Lat 29.22.07 Long -98.45.55) How best to get there depends on where you are coming from. It is just South and East of the old field. It is located just about 300 yards South of the intersection of Shepherd and Macdonia-LaCoste roads. If you are coming South on 1604W, cross the Medina river bridge then take the Pue Rd exit which runs into Macdonia-Lacoste...or just continue on 1604W to Macdonia-Lacoste. From US90 and points West, take West Montgomery toward the South, to Macdonia-LaCoste toward the East, to Shepherd Rd.

2nd Chance Hobbies

Specializing in New & Pre-Flown RC Aircraft

Just three blocks North of the Randolph AFB Main Gate

118 E. Wright Blvd. Universal City, Texas

Phone: 210-945-8221 - Fax: 210-945-4811

Return to:
ARCS Editor
 P.O. Box 1251
 Helotes TX 78023

